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BRIEF BIOGRAPHIES

OF

Ruling Elders

IN THE

First Presbyterian Church,

ALLEGHENY,

During the First Fifty Years of its History,

PORTIONS OF WHICH WERE READ AT THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE CHURCH,

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THE ANNIVERSARY.

THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY of the organization of the First Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, was observed on Thursday, February 26th, 1880. The Auditorium had been renovated in the autumn of 1878. Its walls had been frescoed, a new pulpit had been provided, and the whole had been freshly carpeted. In the autumn of 1879, all the rooms in the basement had also been frescoed and refurnished. The old pulpit and pews had been removed from the Lecture Room, the floor had been re-carpeted and furnished with chairs. The Infant School Room and the Parlor had also been greatly improved. The interior of the structure had therefore been invested with as much of attraction as the taste and liberality of the people, combined with the skill of the workmen, could impart.

A general invitation had been given through the press, to former members of the congregation, to the ministers of the cities, and to the people of the community. A response was rendered by the presence of very many from the churches in the cities and suburbs. The representation from the church of Sewickley was specially noticeable, the early growth of that church having been strengthened by accessions from Allegheny.

Through the whole commemoration, the presence of the choir, with its appropriate music, greatly added to the interest of the occasion.

MR. JAMES PARK, JR., in view of his seniority in the office of elder, had been appointed to preside.

The Anniversary services were commenced at 3:30 in the afternoon, by a voluntary, after which the 651st hymn was sung.

REV. SAMUEL C. JENNINGS, D. D., read the 115th psalm, after which he led the congregation in prayer.

Several biographical sketches of former elders were read by the pastor.

REV. ISAAC N. HAYS, pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, spoke of the influence of this Church on the surrounding community, after which the 371st hymn was sung.

REV. SAMUEL J. WILSON, D. D., of the Western Theological Seminary, spoke of the influence exerted by REV. ELISHA P. SWIFT, D. D., upon the Foreign Missionary work of the Presbyterian Church, after which the 379th hymn was sung.

REV. SAMUEL C. JENNINGS, D. D., gave some reminiscences of REVS. DRS. JOB F. HASLEY and ELISHA P. SWIFT, after which a cordial invitation was given to all to repair to the rooms below, where an ample and elegant supper had been provided by the ladies of the congregation, under a committee composed of the following: MRS. MARY C. BOYD, MRS. CHARLOTTE FAULKNER, MRS. JANE T. PATTERSON, MRS. B. A. FLEMING, MRS. JANE E. STEWART, MRS. JULIET DEHAVEN, MRS. MARY J. HAYS, MRS. MARY DAVIS, MRS. SUSANNAH DAVIS, MRS. JULIA A. SCOTT, MRS. ANNA HOLDEN, MRS. MARY REED, MISS MARGARET STEWART, MISS JULIET MCP. DAY, MISS ANNA B. SLAGLE, MISS MARGARET D. DAY, MISS ELIZABETH R. DAMON.

On the Reception Committee were MRS. FRANCES L. SWIFT, MRS. SARAH G. PARK, MRS. JAMES MILLER, MRS. LUCY E. MCCOMBS, MRS. MARY J. MILLER, MRS. MARGARET SLAGLE, and MRS. MARY E. HOAG.

After supper, the interval was spent in renewing acquaintances and in narrating reminiscences of earlier times.

At 7:30, a large congregation assembled in the Auditorium, and the services were commenced with a voluntary.

The 103d psalm was read, and prayer was offered by REV. JAMES M. SHIELDS.

REV. JOB F. HALSEY, D. D., having been invited to be present, a response was read by O. L. MILLER, M. D., which was as follows :

NORRISTOWN, PA., February 2d, 1880.

REV. E. E. SWIFT, D. D.,

Dear Brother : Yours of the 30th ult. is just received. It would give me great pleasure to be with you on the 26th inst, but I am just preparing my people here for my *last* communion at the Lord's Table, as their pastor, and we have many sick who need prayer and sympathy. My heart will be with you. But my *pastoral* work is done, as it is fifty-four years since my ordination, and sixty years since my licensure ; and yet, blessed be God, I preached twice, made three pastoral visits, attended my Sabbath school, yesterday ; and feel fresh for duty to-day. I resign while I have my strength and faculties, and wait not to be requested to do so.

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God bless you and my dear old people, with His choicest blessings, and remember an old Pastor in your prayers.

MRS. HALSEY unites with me in kind remembrance of all who yet remember us.

Yours affectionately,


J. F. HALSEY.

P. S.—I have just finished the twenty-fourth year of my pastorate in this place, as I complete the eightieth year of my age.

Several biographical sketches of former elders were read by the pastor, after which the 649th hymn was sung.

MR. MANSFIELD BROWN, once leader of the choir, invited those who had been associated with him in former years, in conducting the service of song, to come forward and unite in singing, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." The response, by seven or eight of the old choir, excited much interest.

Reminiscences were given by HON. J. K. MOORHEAD of HON. ROBERT C. GRIER. MR. THEO. H. NEVIN spoke of MR. ALEXANDER SEMPLE, and ROBERT B. MOWRY, M. D., spoke of MR. JOHN CAMERON, after which the 435th hymn was sung, and these interesting and profitable services were terminated with the benediction.



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Brief Biographies of Ruling Elders.

Heb. 13 : 7.—Remember them which have the rule over you.

THERE were some respects in which the ruling elders of Apostolical times were not superior to other members of the churches. And yet the presumption would always be that, in the judgment of those who knew them best, they were the men most suitable for the office. Their religious intelligence and prudent zeal had won the love and confidence of their brethren, and these sentiments found expression in the call to this high and sacred office of God's HOUSE.

From the nature of the office, there resulted the corresponding obligation by which the people were bound. Hence Paul says: "Remember them which have the rule over you." Be not forgetful of their instructions, be mindful of their counsels, retain the recollection of their prayers, keep ever before you their godly example.

It will not surely be regarded as any perversion of this passage, when we find a warrant in it for tender and profitable reminiscences of elders who were once among us, especially when the original, more accurately rendered, would be, "Remember those who *have had* the rule over you." Some of these are still serving the church honorably and usefully elsewhere, and others have gone to join the "General Assembly and church of the first born which are written in heaven."

As suitable to the occasion and full of interest, we here introduce the brief and simple record, relating to the organization of this church, as found in the minutes of its session.

ALLEGHENYTOWN, Feb. 26th, 1830.

Agreeably to notice given, the congregation of Alleghenytown assembled in the meeting house. Having spent some time in special prayer and supplication for divine direction and blessing in the election of ruling elders and trustees for the said congregation, on motion, the meeting was organized by appointing REV. JOHN JOYCE, Moderator, and REV. JOSEPH STOCKTON, Secretary.

The Moderator having stated the order that would be observed in the election of ruling elders, viz., that every person in the communion of the church, male and female, be entitled to vote and none else ; and, for the trustees, that every subscribing member to the support of the Gospel be entitled to vote : and this arrangement being unanimously agreed to, on motion, the church members proceeded to the election of three persons to serve as ruling elders, when it appeared that MESSRS. JOHN HANNEN, ALEXANDER SEMPLE, and JOHN CAMERON were unanimously elected to that office.

On motion, resolved, that the subscribing members proceed to the election of twelve persons to serve as trustees, when it appeared that MESSRS. JOHN IRWIN, JAMES BROWN, HUGH DAVIS, ROBERT STEWART, ROBERT BOWMAN, RICHARD GRAY, JOHN PATTERSON, THOMAS SEMPLE, FOSTER GRAHAM, SYLVANUS LOTHROP, WM. ROBINSON, SR., and BENJAMIN PAGE were unanimously elected,—the first four named to serve one year, the second four to serve two years, and the third four to serve three years.

After singing, prayer, and the benediction, the meeting adjourned.

Signed,
JOSEPH STOCKTON, *Secretary*. JOHN JOYCE, *Moderator*.

SABBATH MORNING, MARCH 31st, 1830.

After public worship, the church members were addressed and set apart by prayer, as a church of CHRIST. REV. J. JOYCE, presided.

SABBATH AFTERNOON.

MR. JOHN CAMERON, an elder elect, was ordained to the office of ruling elder, and he, J. HANNEN, and ALEXANDER SEMPLE, already ruling elders, and elected to that office in this Church, were installed as ruling elders in this congregation.

DR. F. HERRON preached on the occasion, presided, and gave the charges to the elders and people.

JOSEPH STOCKTON, *Clerk*.

From this it appears, that while in purpose and preparation the church was organized February 26th, 1830, in actual result, it had no existence, according to the Constitution of our Church, until the 21st of March, 1830, when the persons about to compose it were set apart by prayer as a separate church and its elders installed.

The History of this Church was prepared, according to the recommendation of the General Assembly, and published in the Centennial year. In one portion of that history, however, the design of its author failed in its execution. For the supplying of that defect, this Fiftieth Anniversary affords a suitable opportunity. As a memorial suitable to the occasion, the pastor therefore presents brief biographies of all ruling elders in the

First Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, during the first fifty years of its history.

We only premise that delicacy must govern our statements with regard to the living, and that inasmuch as records have been made with regard to six of the deceased, in the History of 1876, it must be construed as no disparagement of these excellent men when our present references to them are brief.

During fifty years, thirty-two elders have been installed in this church. These will be arranged in their chronological order.

MR. JOHN HANNEN.

1830—1843.

JOHN HANNEN was born in Strasburg, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, on the 26th day of January, 1777, and died on the 15th of December, 1854.

Rev. JOB F. HALSEY, D. D., has given this incident regarding him.

The three elders I loved and highly esteemed, but JOHN HANNEN was a man after my own heart, always ready to visit with me, however often I called upon him. Once, when compelled to be long absent, from ill health, on our return our child was seized with dysentery, and we were detained at Blairsville two weeks. I wrote to Mr. HANNEN, and he immediately drove to Blairsville in his own carriage, and brought us and our sick child home. I believe he loved me as a son, and never did his confidence in me give way but once. We had had long and distressing disagreement in our choir, when, at our weekly sessional meeting for counsel and prayer, I proposed to the elders to introduce an organ into our church. With holy horror, Brother HANNEN lifted up his hands and said, I have always had confidence in my dear pastor until now. I am surprised! How could you propose such a thing? I replied, It would raise for us the tunes, by which we praise the Lord, *without quarreling, and then we could have peace.* Being a lover of peace, he quickly replied, I never thought of that. I will give \$100.00 toward getting one.

A fuller statement regarding him may be found on the twenty-ninth page of the History published in 1876.

MR. ALEXANDER SEMPLE.

1830—1866.

Mr. ALEXANDER SEMPLE was born at Castle Dawson, near Dublin, Ireland, in the spring of 1777, and died on the 31st of July, 1866.

Mr. SEMPLE ever manifested great kindness to the worthy poor in his own neighborhood. Even in the more advanced years of his life, he has often been known to take flour and potatoes, on his own shoulders, to such destitute families.

A detailed statement of him occupies a portion of page thirty-two of the History prepared four years ago.

MR. JOHN CAMERON.

1830—1839.

Mr. JOHN CAMERON was born about eight miles from Inverness, in Scotland. He died on the 3d day of March, 1849. The thirty-first page of the History is devoted to his record. An incident in connection with a visit of General JACKSON to Pittsburgh is there given. Mr. CAMERON was a gardener, and it may be of interest to add that the ground from which the city was supplied, in part, with vegetables, at that day, was below Fifth street and between Penn avenue and the Allegheny River.

MR. DAVID MACLEAN.

1833—1835.

Mr. DAVID MACLEAN was born April 4th, 1789, about eight miles from Greensburg, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania. He removed to Pittsburgh in 1822, and was engaged in the printing business. His partner was his brother, MATTHEW MACLEAN, who survived him for many years, residing in Springdale, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. They had an interest in the publication of the *Pittsburgh Gazette*, which was then a weekly. They printed the *Christian Herald*, and afterward the *Presbyterian Preacher*, of which periodicals Rev. SAMUEL C. JENNINGS,

D. D., was editor. For several years they also printed the *Foreign Missionary Chronicle*, edited by ELISHA P. SWIFT. Quite a number of old standard works on doctrinal and practical religion, for which there was a demand in Western Pennsylvania, were also printed by them. "Forty-one Letters on Religious Subjects, by Rev. JOHN NEWTON," and "A Sacramental Catechism, by Mr. JOHN WILLISON," are specimens of the works. Both of these were published by LUKE LOOMIS & Co.—the latter in 1830 and the former in 1831. At one time the printing office of D. & M. MACLEAN was on the corner of Market street and Fourth avenue. The residence of DAVID was on South avenue, Allegheny, a few hundred feet west of School street. His library was greatly damaged by the flood of 1832.

DAVID MACLEAN was ordained and installed an elder in this church on Sabbath, October 13th, 1833.

In the History of the First Church, Allegheny, published in 1876, it is stated that he declined to serve as elder. This statement was made on the authority of his brother MATTHEW, whose recollection was remarkably distinct and accurate, even at an advanced age. And a presumption in favor of his absolute declinature would be had in the fact of his extreme modesty.

But further examination of the records of session supplies the evidence that he did serve as an elder. He is recorded as being present at meetings of session, and he was appointed by session to represent them in Presbytery.

He continued to serve in this capacity until April, 1835, when he was dismissed to the church of Tarentum. He died in Springdale in September, 1852.

MR. JAMES MCKAIN.

1833—1843.

Mr. MCKAIN was born near Paoli, Chester county, Pennsylvania, in 1801, and in 1823 he came to Pittsburgh and engaged in business as a hatter. He made a profession of religion in 1825, under the ministry of Rev. FRANCIS HERRON, D. D., who was then pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh.

Having removed to Allegheny in July, 1831, he connected himself with the First Church, Allegheny, then under the pastoral care of Rev. JOB F. HALSEY, D. D. On Sabbath, October 13th, 1833, he was ordained an elder, and continued to serve until 1843, when he withdrew to unite with the Second Presbyterian Church of Allegheny (formerly the Manchester Church), in which church he was elected an elder. In 1872 he removed to Bellaire, Ohio; and from thence to Toledo, Ohio, where he now resides, his membership being in the Third Presbyterian Church of that city.

Mr. McKAIN was always active in Sabbath School work. He superintended, in succession, a Mission School, located near the Point, and a colored school, also in Pittsburgh. For several years he was superintendent of the School in this church. His last effort in this department of work, in this region, was the organization of a School at Wood's Run, of which effort the Valley Presbyterian Church has been the result.

MR. JOSEPH TURNER.

1833—1839.

Mr. TURNER was a native of Cumberland county, Pennsylvania, and was born in March, 1800. When eight years of age he crossed the Allegheny Mountains on foot, coming West with his parents. He learned the tanning business, and, after eight or ten years, he went to Carlisle, Pennsylvania, where he became a carpenter. When about twenty-three years of age he experienced the converting grace of God, under the ministry of Rev. GEORGE DUFFIELD, D. D., and connected himself with the church on Pomfret street. After a time he returned to this part of the State, and located in Allegheny. He connected himself with this church during the pastorate of Rev. JOB F. HALSEY, D. D. He was employed as a mechanic upon the edifice built in 1832, Mr. WILLIAM F. CLARK having taken the contract. Mr. TURNER was ordained a ruling elder on Sabbath, October 13th, 1832. He was one of those who, at that early day, were greatly exercised in regard to the relation of the church to the

system of slavery. The subject having been much agitated by persons connected with the various denominations in these cities, a movement was made to organize a Congregational church on anti-slavery principles. In due time a house of worship was built on Washington street, Allegheny, and Rev. WILLIAM A. ADAIR was its first pastor. Sympathizing with the movement, Mr. TURNER connected himself with it in January, 1839. But the cause of emancipation was not popular, and the location selected for the church was, at that period, very undesirable. Besides, the Congregational form of government was not understood by the people of this community, and the organization was burdened with debt, incurred in building. The consequence was that the church received but little encouragement. For a year or two it was becoming weaker, rather than otherwise, and the members from various other denominations than the Presbyterian having left it, in the summer of 1842 it was agreed to reorganize under the Presbyterian form of government. Its title was the Second Presbyterian Church of Allegheny. Of it Rev. A. D. CAMPBELL, D. D., and Rev. ELLIOT E. SWIFT were successively the pastors, the pastorate of the latter extending from March 3d, 1850, to October 23d, 1853.

At the organization of this Second church Mr. TURNER was elected one of its elders, and he continued to fulfill the duties of the office for about eight years. In 1850 he removed to Sharpsburg, where he is still living.

Mr. TURNER has always been active in Sabbath School work, and ready to assist in every humane and benevolent scheme.

The building in which this original Second Presbyterian Church worshiped was located on the lots now occupied by Nos. 55 and 57 Washington street. It was a well-proportioned frame structure, about eighty feet in length, with five windows on either side and a portico on Washington street. The auditorium and Sabbath School room were on the same level, and were connected by doors, one on each side of the pulpit. The entrance to the auditorium was from Washington street; that to the Sabbath School room was from Liberty street.

The church was dissolved in 1853, and the property was then purchased by the English Lutheran Church, Allegheny, by

which it was occupied until their present structure, corner of Stockton avenue and Arch street, was finished.

HON. ROBERT C. GRIER.

1836—1848.

HON. ROBERT C. GRIER was born March 5th, 1794, in Cumberland county, Pennsylvania. His father was Rev. ISAAC GRIER, who, soon after the birth of his son, ROBERT, removed to Lycoming county, where he taught a school, preached to three separate congregations, and cultivated a farm. The son was carefully educated by his father, and at the age of seventeen he was sent to Dickinson College. Being graduated in 1812, with high honors, he removed, after a year, to Northumberland, where his father had established an Academy. On the death of his father, in 1815, he succeeded him as principal. About this time he commenced the study of law, and in 1817 he was admitted to the Bar, and commenced practice at Bloomsburg, Columbia county. After a year he removed to Danville, and in May, 1833, he removed to Allegheny. The District Court had just been organized, and he had been appointed, by Governor WOLF, its first Judge. Hon. J. K. MOORHEAD has said of him: "Although then a stranger to our people, and although some rivalries and jealousies existed amongst the attorneys that one of our own, then very able bar, had not been selected for the position, yet in a very short time it was known that a master mind was on the bench; one who thoroughly knew the law, and administered it without fear or favor. In my, not very short, experience in public matters, I have not known his superior, and could not now name his equal as a Judge. I have never known one who so soon and so readily mastered the points in a case, and who so keenly scented fraud; and woe be to the party litigant upon whom it was fastened. In other words, an honest man with an honest case was perfectly sure of justice in his hands, and the rogue would be found out. He was, emphatically, a terror to evil doers."

In August, 1846, he was appointed by President POLK an

Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, to succeed Justice BALDWIN. This required the removal of the Judge and his family from our church and community. But for more than thirty-three years he continued to fill the high position to which he had been appointed, with eminent ability. At last, admonished by the infirmities of age, on the 15th of December, 1869, he resigned his office, to take effect January 31st, 1870. He died Sabbath evening, September 25th, of the same year, in the 76th of his age.

JUDGE GRIER connected himself with this church in January, 1834, during the pastorate of Rev. JOB F. HALSEY, D. D. It was, however, during the pastorate of Rev. ELISHA P. SWIFT, that he was made an elder. In April, 1836, the session having had knowledge of his having been an elder in the church from which he came, nominated him to a congregational meeting, called to consider the propriety of making this addition to the number of its elders. He continued to serve in this office until August, 1848, when he was dismissed to the Tenth Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Rev. HENRY A. BOARDMAN, D. D., pastor, in which he also sustained the office of elder.

JUDGE GRIER was of large person and commanding presence. He walked with a quiet nervous step; and, with frame erect, there was great majesty in his movement. His eyes were small and almost concealed by the spectacles which, being near-sighted, it was necessary he should use. He always carried a pocket edition of the Greek Testament on the Sabbath, and, with this held near to his eyes, he would follow the reading of the chapter in public worship. During the sermon he would often sit, with his head resting on his hand, his eyes closed and his countenance in a glow, as though he were the subject of deep religious emotion. He was fond of sacred music; and in the sanctuary he would sometimes close his eyes, and, drawing up his lips, he would follow the choir without articulating the words. It was neither humming, whistling, nor singing, and yet the effect was quite musical.

For several years he was superintendent of the Sabbath School in this church. He had not, of course, the general acquaintance, familiar address, quick observation, and varied ex-

pedient, which are supposed to be necessary for the successful superintendent of modern times, yet all in the school felt that they had more than an equivalent for the absence of these.

In those days there were two sessions of the school each Sabbath, and, at the close of that devoted to the study of the scriptures, he was accustomed to occupy some ten or fifteen minutes with the review of the lesson. His comments were full of interest and profit to both teachers and scholars. He always led the singing at the opening and closing of school.

His prayers in social worship were characterized by deep emotion. His feeling would often arrest the flow of words, and, for a moment or two, he would stand in silence, endeavoring to regain his composure.

His voice was not adapted to impressive public speaking. It was unpleasantly high, and, under the influence of special emotion it would appear to be uncontrollable. This was the more observed because in such glaring contrast with the majestic proportions of the man.

He had a great dislike to a thick growth of hair on the chin and lip. He was especially disposed to be humorous with ministers who, at that day, were only occasionally to be seen in Presbyteries and Synods with a full beard.

A very rich fund of anecdote in regard to him might be collected, even after the lapse of thirty years, from persons in this community.

Hon. J. K. MOORHEAD says: I called to see him at his house one evening, and met him at the door going out. He said, "I am glad you are here. Come along. I am just going to a Wistar party at JUDGE KANE'S." I replied, that I had met JUDGE KANE that day, and that he had invited me, but that I felt it was not the proper place for me, as these parties were for professional and learned men, where scientific and literary questions would be discussed, and my education had not fitted me to take part. He said, yes; that was the case when old Doctor WISTAR instituted these parties; but now, said he, we have gotten down to the science of eating and drinking, and you understand that as well as any of us, so come along; and I went.

Rev. ISAAC GRIER. D. D., of Mifflinburgh, pastor of a church

in the Presbytery of Northumberland, is a brother of JUDGE GRIER.

MR. WILLIAM M. COOPER.

1841—1846.

Mr. WILLIAM MONTGOMERY COOPER was born in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1799. He commenced the dry goods business in Gettysburg in 1818, and continued it in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania, whither he had removed in 1821. After living for one year on Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, in 1839 he came to Allegheny. His religious impressions appear to have commenced with the death of a young daughter, which occurred before he left Waynesburg. Soon after removing to Allegheny, and while at the Merchants Hotel in Philadelphia, on business, he was suddenly made the subject of very remarkable conviction. He spent the whole night in prayer, and having returned home, he was baptized on the public confession of Christ, in January, 1841. Our recollection is that he was publicly received at the close of an ordinary Sabbath morning service, the communion Sabbath having been some three weeks before, the pastor stating that Mr. COOPER had expressed a strong desire to be at once admitted. He was prompt in commencing family worship and in taking part in social meetings. Indeed, there was something so very resolute and decided in his piety that a favorable impression was at once made upon the congregation, and in six months they elected him a ruling elder. He was ordained July 29th, 1841. In 1846 he removed to Springfield, Ohio, and connected himself with the First Presbyterian Church of that city, where he continued until his death, which occurred August 14th, 1874, in the seventy-fifth year of his age.

On removing to Springfield, Mr. COOPER purchased a farm, a mile or more from the city. He abandoned the dry goods business, and devoted his time to cattle-raising and the cultivation of fruit trees. In the latter department he obtained some celebrity. Being some distance from the city, he declined to be made an elder in the church there, but until the end of life he was the same decided follower of the LORD JESUS CHRIST. He

was true to his convictions and explicit in the utterance of his sentiments.

Mr. COOPER was always neat in his appearance. He wore a close vest and a light-colored necktie, was of medium height and somewhat stooped. In prayer he was deliberate and distinct.

Six of his children are still living. One of them, Mr. DANIEL COOPER, has long been in the dry-goods business in Pittsburgh, and is an honored ruling elder in the Second Presbyterian Church of the same city.

MR. JOHN GRUBBS.

1841—1846.

Mr. GRUBBS was born in Pine township, Allegheny county, about twelve miles from Pittsburgh, January 2d, 1802. He came to Allegheny in September, 1823, and in 1827 he made a profession of religion, under the ministry of Rev. FRANCIS HERRON, D. D., who was then pastor of the First Church, Pittsburgh. He withdrew from it in 1830, with a view to unite in the organization of the First Church, Allegheny. On Sabbath, August 29th, 1841, he was ordained and installed an elder; but in June, 1846, he removed to Niles, Michigan. After residing there for six years, in March, 1852, he removed to Corvallis, Oregon. In 1853 he was one of four who united in the organization of the First Presbyterian Church in that town. On that occasion he was elected an elder, and he has continued to serve in that capacity ever since.

Mr. GRUBBS was a carpenter, and resided on the west side of Federal street, about one square above the park. He was at one time associated, as a partner, with Mr. PALMER.

Though without the advantage of much education, Mr. GRUBBS was a good and useful man. He was intelligent in his views, honest in his convictions, and earnest in all church work. For a time he superintended a Sabbath School, which met in what was known as the Lecky school house, located not far from the corner of Federal and Samson streets.

MR. ROBERT DAVIS.

1841—1850. 1853—1863.

Mr. ROBERT DAVIS was born in 1806, near Belfast, in the county of Antrim, Ireland. His parents were members of the Presbyterian Church of Larne, in the Synod of Ulster, and, while they moved in the humbler walks of life, were respectable, conscientious, and industrious. His father was a stonemason, and also cultivated a small farm. The family consisted of six sons and three daughters. Two of his older brothers were linen weavers, and, when he was quite young, he labored with them at this trade. They were very industrious, and made a handsome living.

When the subject of this memoir had completed his twentieth year, he had acquired a good knowledge of the art, and had earned enough money to come to this country, which he did in the year 1826.

From early childhood he appears to have been drawn to the cultivation of his moral and religious nature.

His home was near a Cotton Factory, located about two miles from the seaport town of Larne. On Sabbath afternoons Methodist ministers frequently came out from the town and preached. The impressions made by these services were remembered until the end of life.

His father died a year or more before he left his native land. Some hours before his death, the father asked the son to pray with and for him. With perturbation of mind, the son declined, but when it became evident that his father's end was near, he complied, and in presence of his mother and relatives he led in prayer. In looking back, it always appeared that God had assisted him in a peculiar manner in this first effort.

In regard to his departure for the United States, he writes: "Never shall I forget the occasion when my youthful companions accompanied my brother William and myself to the vessel which was to take us far from friends and kindred. When the moment of parting came, I said, let us pray, and all were bathed in tears.

Mr. DAVIS landed in Charleston, South Carolina, and went into the interior of the State, as far as to Chester.

Here he commenced to learn the carpenter trade with Mr. JAMES H. McCLELLAND, who came to Pittsburgh after Mr. DAVIS had been with him one year. During a second year, in which Mr. DAVIS remained in South Carolina, he was brought to the very brink of death by the fever. In 1828 he came to Pittsburgh, and in 1830 he began to attend, with a good degree of punctuality, on the ministry of the Rev. ELISHA P. SWIFT, D. D., who was then pastor of the Second Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh. Previous to his removal to this city, Mr. DAVIS had been losing the religious sensibility of former years, but in 1831 he was led to make a public profession of religion in the above-named church, and he was soon called upon to become a teacher in its Sabbath School. Among the members of his class was ELLIOT E. SWIFT, who was then but seven years old.

In 1833, Mr. DAVIS settled in Allegheny, and connected himself with the First Presbyterian Church, then under the pastoral care of Rev. JOB F. HALSEY, D. D.

On Sabbath morning, August 29th, 1841, Mr. DAVIS was ordained an elder. Mr. WM. M. COOPER and Mr. JOHN GRUBBS being set apart to the office at the same time. Mr. DAVIS continued to fulfill the duties of the office until early in 1850. Though he cherished a warm attachment to ELISHA P. SWIFT, he was at the same time sincerely solicitous to promote all church extension movements in the city. As there was promise, about this time, that the original Second Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, would be reinforced in membership and be placed on a more encouraging basis, under a decided conviction of duty Mr. DAVIS withdrew from the First Church to connect with the Second, where he was at once elected a ruling elder. He was here associated in office with HENRY HANNEN, ROBERT CAMPBELL, and HENRY WILLIAMS. When it was decided, in October, 1853, that it would be well to dissolve the Second Church, Mr. DAVIS returned to the First Church, and resumed the fulfillment of his duties as an elder. He continued there until April, 1863, when he again withdrew for the purpose of reinforcing a little band which was soon after organized as the North Presbyterian Church of Allegheny. In a few years he removed to Bellevue, which compelled him to connect, first with Valley Presbyterian

Church at Woods' Run, and then, at the later date of its organization, with the Presbyterian Church of Bellevue. In each of these churches, successively, he sustained the office of ruling elder

Mr. DAVIS was always deeply interested in the religious instruction of the children of the church. For several years he was superintendent of the Sabbath School in the First Church, and after coming into connection with the Second, he was called to fulfill the same service in it.

In 1848, Mr. DAVIS was engaged in special work under the American Tract Society, in which he continued until 1856. His labors, which were chiefly confined to the cities, consisted in visiting from house to house among the spiritually destitute for purposes of instruction, exhortation, and prayer. The publications of the Society were also either sold or gratuitously distributed. His salary for this service was twenty-five dollars per month.

From 1857 until 1866 he was in the service of the Allegheny Bible Society, which employment brought into exercise his peculiar qualities of heart and mind.

Of this period he writes: "In reviewing these years of self-denial and solicitude, I thank my God for all opportunities of doing good, as well as for all the wholesome lessons of discipline which were afforded."

Mr. DAVIS was prompt, resolute, and fearless. There were several instances during the period of his official relations with the First Church in which these qualities came into play.

He was a man of eminent spirituality. When ELISHA P. SWIFT sought, through appeals in social meetings and at more public services, to arouse his congregation, Mr. DAVIS would become quickly and deeply interested in the effort. Sometimes his anxieties with regard to the spiritual condition of the church would make it impossible to sleep. In such cases it was not unusual for him to rise and spend the greater portion of the night in prayer.

On one occasion, many years ago, ELISHA P. SWIFT was preparing to leave his study for the night, when he was startled by the ringing of the door-bell. It was then about midnight, and

as the pastor moved toward the door his mind was occupied with conjectures as to the purpose of a visitor at such an unseasonable hour; and, on opening the door, he was somewhat relieved to find Mr. DAVIS, who requested, if it were not too late, to have a few moments with him in the study. When they had entered, Mr. DAVIS stated that he had become much impressed during the social meeting of the evening, and that, on retiring, he had found himself so exercised in regard to the condition of the church that he could not sleep, and that he had been impelled to come to his pastor that they might spend a little time together in prayer.

To those who knew ELISHA P. SWIFT it is not necessary to state that he was not often indifferent to a proposal for prayer, and that his soul would probably kindle with peculiar interest when such a proposal came from an elder who had risen from his bed and walked ten or twelve squares, and that too amid the rigors of an unusually severe winter. Of the fervors by which that half hour of devotion was characterized, nothing is known. It is the privilege of those who knew the suppliants to conjecture.

In his exhortations, Mr. DAVIS was practical, searching, and animated. His appeals would often be invested with an almost irresistible vehemence.

It is hoped that there has been no violation of delicacy in making these statements of one who, at this date, still survives, honored and loved by many who were the subjects of his watch and prayer in years long gone.

MR. ALEXANDER CAMERON.

1846—1868.

Mr. ALEXANDER CAMERON was born in Dores, near Inverness, in Scotland, on the 12th day of November, 1814, and died on the 4th day of February, 1868. A fuller statement in regard to him may be had on the thirty-second page of the published History.

MR. THEODORE H. NEVIN.

1846—1853.

Mr. THEODORE H. NEVIN was born in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, October 23d, 1815. In 1836 he removed to Allegheny, and in 1840 he was received to full communion in the First Presbyterian Church of Niles, Michigan, where he was temporarily residing. On returning to Allegheny he engaged in the drug business, being a partner in the firm of HANNEN & NEVIN, the location of which was on Liberty street, the second door west of Sixth street. On January 4th, 1842, he was joined in marriage with Miss HANNAH IRWIN. He connected himself with this church in July, 1840, and having served as a deacon for several years, he was ordained an elder on Sabbath, July 5th, 1846, and continued to fulfill the duties of the office until June, 1853, when, having removed to Sewickley, he was transferred by certificate to the church of that place, in which church he was soon after elected to the same office.

In 1864 Mr. NEVIN was made one of the five inspectors in the Western State Penitentiary of Pennsylvania, and he was chosen President of the Board. He was a member of the International Prison Conference which met July 4th, 1872, in London. The Governor of Pennsylvania appointed him to attend, also, the Conference in Stockholm in 1878, but this service he was unable to fulfill. Since 1866 he has been President of the First National Bank of Allegheny. Since 1846 he has been a Trustee of the Western Theological Seminary, and he is also the Treasurer of that institution.

MR. JAMES SCHOONMAKER.

1846—1853.

Mr. JAMES SCHOONMAKER was born August 5th, 1813, in Newtown, Long Island, New York.

His grandfather was Rev. MARTINUS SCHOONMAKER, one of the earlier ministers of the Dutch Reformed Church in this country. He had charge of six churches in Kings county, his residence

being at Flatbush. He preached only in the language of Holland, and was in all regards a worthy specimen of the traditional Dutch Domine. At eighty years of age he was without an infirmity.

Mr. JAMES SCHOONMAKER came to Pittsburgh in October, 1835, and became an attendant upon the ministry of Rev. DAVID H. RIDDLE, D. D., who was then pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church. He was received into full communion in that church in 1840, during a revival of religion, and on the 31st day of August, 1841, he was married to Miss MARY STOCKTON, a daughter of Rev. JOSEPH STOCKTON, of Allegheny. Mr. SCHOONMAKER continued to reside in Pittsburgh until April, 1842, when he removed to Allegheny, and in October, 1844, he connected himself with this church.

On Sabbath, July 5th, 1846, he was ordained a ruling elder, and he continued to fulfill the duties of this office until December, 1852, when his removal to what was then known as Manchester required him to connect with the Presbyterian church in that part of the city. He was elected a ruling elder in that church (now known as the Second Presbyterian Church, Allegheny), as also in the Valley Presbyterian Church, located at Woods' Run, when, at a later date, he joined in its organization.

Mr. SCHOONMAKER was superintendent, for a number of years, of the Sabbath School in the First Church ; also of the Schools in the Manchester and Valley Churches, successively. Previous to his removal to Allegheny, in 1842, he was also superintendent of a Mission Sabbath School at Lorenz' Mills, on the South Side.

Mr. SCHOONMAKER was elected a Director of the Western Theological Seminary in 1848, and he continued to occupy this position, by re-election, until 1874, about which time the Board of Trustees was reorganized, and he was appointed a member of it.

Mr. SCHOONMAKER was thorough in his acquaintance with the doctrines of the word, judicious in his counsels to religious inquirers, sympathetic in the spirit and language of his prayers, and faithful in the fulfillment of any service committed to him.

MR. RICHARD BARD.

1851—1854.

Mr. BARD was a native of Franklin county, Pennsylvania. He was born February 17th, 1808. His father was Captain THOMAS BARD, who commanded a volunteer company hastily enlisted in his immediate vicinity, and marched to the defence of Baltimore against the threatened attack of the British. Both the Captain and his wife were exemplary members of a Presbyterian Church, of which the late DAVID ELLIOTT, D. D., was pastor.

While a young man, RICHARD BARD removed with his parents to Washington county, Maryland, from which, after some years, he came to Bedford (now Fulton) county. During his residence there he ably represented that county, for two terms, in the the State Legislature. In 1843 he removed to Allegheny, where he continued to reside until the time of his death, which occurred August 9th, 1867. His business was that of a wholesale leather merchant, and was located on Liberty street, Pittsburgh.

He connected himself with the First Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, in April, 1844, and on Sabbath, November 30th, 1851, he was ordained to the office of ruling elder in it. He continued to fulfill the duties of the office until May, 1854, when he withdrew to unite in the organization of the Central Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, which was then worshipping in Excelsior Hall. He withdrew from the Central Church in 1862, and, having resided for two or three years in East Liberty, he returned to Allegheny and united with the North Church, in which he was elected an elder, and the day of his installation was the last Sabbath he was in the house of God.

DAVID ELLIOTT, D. D., has made this record in regard to him :

Few men have left behind them a purer or more unexceptionable character than Mr. BARD. Frank, generous, affectionate, without disguise, of unquestioned and unquestionable integrity, he acquired and retained the confidence of all who knew him sufficiently to comprehend his true character. Although not highly educated, he possessed much good sense and

clear apprehension of what was right and proper to be done, and was firm and unswerving in its maintenance. His patriotism was well known. He cheerfully gave three of his sons to the army for the defence of the national life against those who sought its destruction, one of whom died in the public service.

But the crowning excellence of Mr. BARD's character was that of love to CHRIST and His cause. Although at an early period of his life he was in danger of being corrupted in his principles and practice, through the influence of gay companions, God was pleased to arrest him on the threshold of danger. The conflict, as he has told the writer, was long and painful, but, by the grace of God, he was brought to accept of Christ, in whom he found deliverance from the guilt and dominion of sin.

MR. JAMES M. BURCHFIELD.

1851—1869.

Mr. JAMES M. BURCHFIELD was born near East Liberty, Pennsylvania, on the 10th of October, 1816, and died on the 17th of October, 1869. Page thirty-four of the History contains a memorial of him.

MR. JAMES PARK, JR.

1858. —

The father of Mr. JAMES PARK, JR., came from Ireland, and commenced the grocery business first in Baltimore. After conducting it for three or four years, under the firm of PARK & EDGAR, in 1812 he removed to Pittsburgh. He was located first in the Diamond, then on Third avenue, east of Wood street, and finally on Second avenue, where the warehouse of Mr. JAMES PARK, JR., now stands. He was remarkable for uniformity in domestic and commercial life. He was as exact as it was possible to be, in his times of rising and retiring, his departure to and arrival from the warehouse. Indeed it was said that many families along the streets traversed by him, were accustomed to regulate their domestic movements by the sight of his carriage

passing, as it did four times in each day. And to this punctuality, in connection with his integrity and prudence, his success in business has been largely attributed. He was at first engaged, in Pittsburgh, in the grocery and metal business, but in 1835 he also embraced the queensware. His death occurred in 1843.

The mother of our elder was a Miss MARGARET McCURDY, the daughter of a physician, who, having come from Ireland, settled in Eastern Virginia. The father having married a second time, and the surroundings in Virginia not being otherwise to her mind, the daughter, with a cousin, came to Pittsburgh. Here she opened a school, and in later years she frequently spoke of Hon. WILSON McCANDLESS and Hon. WILLIAM B. McCLURE as having been among her youthful pupils. About 1815 she was joined in marriage with Mr. JAMES PARK, SR. She was a communicating member of the Second Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, during the whole pastorate of ELISHA P. SWIFT, and probably for some years before. His resignation in the spring of 1833 was a source of great grief to her, and it was not strange, therefore, that when he was installed pastor of this church in 1835, she should have desired to be once more under his ministrations. An additional consideration might have been, that her residence was now above the Common in Allegheny. She accordingly joined this church in September, 1836, and, until the day of her death, which occurred October 24th, 1857, she was one of its most prayerful, constant, and liberal supporters.

At one time during her connection with the Second Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, she presented it with an elegant silver bowl designed for use in baptismal services.

When the bell of this church, the gift of her daughter, Miss ELIZA J., had been broken in the fire of July, 1849, by which the first structure on this ground was destroyed, she caused it to be recast, that thus it might continue a memorial of the deceased daughter.

It was through her influence that ELISHA P. SWIFT made purchase of the ground on which for twenty-nine years and a half he resided, and where No. 244 North avenue now stands. This was a step which, it is almost needless to add, he never had oc-

casion to regret, either because of the intrinsic value of the property itself, or the proximity into which it brought him to this much esteemed member of his flock.

That she had descended from a family of rank and culture in Ireland, was evident from the delicacy of her perception and the refinement of her taste. She was passionately fond of flowers, and the artistic arrangement of these, in front of the residence, blooming in successive circles from early spring until frost appeared, was a sight not equalled by anything, at that day, in this vicinity, and it was the result of her own conception, secured under her personal supervision. The day for experts in that department had not dawned.

The constancy of her attendance on the public means of grace was, of course, apparent to all. But a knowledge of some of her habits in the sacred privacies of her dwelling would be necessary to a proper estimate of her piety. When her children were growing, it was her practice, her husband having retired, to await their arrival that, with a portion of Scripture and prayer, she might, with them, thus end the day. And she regarded the occasional lateness of the hour as by no means justifying the suspension of this rule.

A lady member of this church has recently written this of her :

She was of high and noble nature, with a soul that was above anything that was dishonorable, and heartily despised all that was false and mean, with an innate delicacy of heart that would seek to confer a favor, as if she herself were the one on whom the favor was bestowed. Her life-long attachment to her pastor and his family were manifested by a thoughtful, generous remembrance of him at all times. Especially at the merry holiday seasons were the hearts of the children, as well as parents, made glad by the reception of gifts so liberal in their greatness as to relieve, for a time, all care as to how these daily needs were to be supplied. The colored boy DAN would be the bearer of necessities and luxuries, of which the limited salaries of those days would not otherwise have suffered them to think. The soul of honor herself, she could not understand or respect any one who was devoid of it, and nothing could atone for its lack.

She was generous and kind, and, as a mother, trained her children with those rigid ideas of true and high purpose which she herself entertained, enjoining upon them and others the obligation, "Act well your part, there all the honor lies." Her name is held in loving remembrance by many beside her own children.

Mr. JAMES PARK, JR., was born January 11th, 1820, in a dwelling which stood on the ground now occupied by No. 123 Third avenue, Pittsburgh. In 1825, his parents removed to Allegheny, and occupied, for eighteen months, a house on the west corner of Federal and North Diamond streets. From this, they removed in 1827 to the location on North avenue, where for twenty-four years Mr. JAMES PARK, JR., has had his residence. His primary education was under Mr. SAMUEL KERR, who taught in a small frame building on the corner of Poplar street and North avenue. He afterward enjoyed the tuition of Rev. JOSEPH STOCKTON and Mr. JOHN KELLY, successively. Rev. JAMES CALDWELL, who had some skill as an elocutionist, was for a time an assistant of the latter.

In 1837 Mr. JAMES PARK, JR., commenced business, being employed in the warehouse of his father in the queensware department. In three years after there was a co-partnership, under the style of JAMES PARK & SONS. In 1843 the firm was JAMES PARK, JR., & Co., and from that year there have been several changes in the style of the firms. Messrs. JOHN McCURDY, GRISWOLD E. WARNER, DAVID E. PARK, JACOB PAINTER, WILLIAM SMITH, WILLIAM G. PARK, and JAMES B. SCOTT having been at various times associated with him. The nature of the business has also varied, having been in succession, the grocery, queensware, cotton manufactory, the foundry, and the manufacture of copper and steel. The present business, the manufacture of steel, was commenced in 1862. In this later business Mr. PARK has achieved quite an honorable distinction. We have derived, from the "Introduction to a history of iron making and coal mining, by JAMES M. SWANK," the following facts:

The firm of PARK, BROTHER & Co. was among the first in America to manufacture crucible cast steel of the best quality. His instrumentality, however, in the introduction into the United States of the Bessemer process for converting pig-iron into

steel, was that in which his services have told most powerfully on the manufacturing interests of America. He was one of the five gentlemen who, in May, 1863, having obtained the patents of WILLIAM KELLY of Kentucky, and of ROBERT F. MUSHET of Cheltenham, England, established experimental works at Wyandotte, Michigan. In the fall of 1864 they succeeded in making Bessemer steel for the first time in America, and their success led to the consolidation of the KELLY, BESSEMER, and MUSHET patents, the combination of all which were necessary to the highest success of the process.

He was also the first to introduce into this country the Siemens gas furnace. In August, 1863, he had one of these for the purpose of melting and refining copper in successful operation at his works in Pittsburgh.

The people of this community are especially indebted to him for energetic and self-denying labors in the promotion of its great public improvements. He was one of the organizers of the Allegheny Gas Company, and also one of the first to move in the establishment of the Water Works. The process of converting the Commons, the unsightly dumping-ground of fifteen years ago, into the present refreshing and attractive Park, is within the recollection of many. He was president of the original Park Commission, and was instrumental in securing the services of the celebrated Ike Marvel, in accordance with whose designs its walks, fountains, flower-beds, and trees were arranged.

In May, 1844, Mr. PARK visited Europe, and having spent more than a year in foreign travel, he returned in July, 1845.

On the 1st day of June, 1847, he was joined in marriage with Miss SARAH GRAY.

In May, 1865, he visited Europe a second time, being absent but three months.

On Sabbath, February 1st, 1852, Mr. PARK and his wife were received to full communion in the original Second Presbyterian Church, Allegheny, located on ground now occupied by dwellings Nos. 55 and 57 Washington street. That church was then under the pastoral care of Rev. ELLIOT E. SWIFT. In October, 1853, it was dissolved, and in January, 1854, Mr.

PARK and wife connected themselves with this church. On Sabbath, September 19th, 1858, he was ordained and installed an elder. As trustee and Sabbath School teacher also he has labored to promote the interests of this church.

MR. JAMES L. CARNAGHAN.

1858—1864.

Mr. J. L. CARNAGHAN was born in October, 1827, in Butler county, Pennsylvania. He came to Allegheny when quite young, and entered a store as a clerk. In 1849 he was joined in marriage with Miss RACHEL McLAIN of Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania. In the spring of 1851 he went to California, and was engaged in washing gold. In the autumn of the next year he returned to Allegheny, and established himself as a merchant tailor, and continued in this business for about ten years. He was located, for some time, on the corner of Federal street and Park way. In 1862 he turned his attention to the oil trade. He also had an interest in some mining operations in Nevada. He made three or four visits to Nevada and California during the years from 1872 till 1879, remaining several months at each visit.

Mr. CARNAGHAN connected himself, by certificate, with this church in January, 1851, and was ordained and installed an elder September 19th, 1858, and continued to serve till September, 1864, when he was dismissed to the church of Sewickley, in which place he was then residing. In 1865 he removed to Germantown, and at later dates to Princeton, Oil City, New York, and Bradford, successively. At the last named place he is now residing.

MR. ROBERT H. DAVIS.

1858—1864.

Mr. ROBERT H. DAVIS was born February 5th, 1814, in the old stone house which has been for more than half a century a land mark at Verner's Station, on the Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chi-

cago Railway. Some years ago the interior was destroyed by fire, but, the walls being very substantial, the house was restored.

Mr. DAVIS was the son of Hon. HUGH and ELIZABETH HENDERSON DAVIS. When he was eighteen months old his parents removed to Allegheny, and resided in a log house located on Arch, above North Diamond street. From this they removed to the corner of Federal street and Park way, the location now occupied by Mr. JAMES CALDWELL.

Mr. DAVIS made a profession of religion in this church under the ministry of Rev. JOB F. HALSEY, D. D., in April, 1831. On the 23d day of May, 1837, he was joined in marriage with Miss ELIZA COCHRAN. In 1856 he removed to Sewickley, but, through veneration for and attachment to ELISHA P. SWIFT, he continued to attend church in Allegheny, coming up on Sabbath mornings in his carriage. After having served as deacon for several years, he was elected an elder, and on Sabbath, September 19th, 1858, he was ordained and installed, and continued to serve in this capacity until 1864, when he was dismissed to the church of Sewickley. That, amid the inconvenience of driving twelve miles to worship, he should have maintained his connection with this church so long, was a wonder to all. But his attachment will be better understood from the following note, preserved by Mr. DAVIS as a precious memorial of its author, and introduced here because exhibiting so well the characteristic tenderness of ELISHA P. SWIFT:

ALLEGHENY, September 16th, 1864.

MY DEAR CHRISTIAN BROTHER:

Agreeably to your request, I herewith send you a certificate of dismissal from our church to join that of Sewickley.

I need hardly say that it has seldom been my lot, in a ministry of many years, to perform this service with sadder emotions. After so happy a connection for so many years, in which my recollection recalls so many generous acts of friendship on your part, and so many sweet communions of heart in public duties and social intercourses, it is painful to realize the necessity of sundering any one of those ties which have bound us together. Standing, as I do, upon the verge of the tomb, and daily admonished in the sufferings of my body to be prepared for it, I ought not, I suppose, to cling to any earthly association; while yet, perhaps, it is natural, and not wrong, that sacred ties should become stronger as others decline. I had fondly promised myself

that soon, when I should resign this mortal body, you, as one of my earliest friends, should be one of those of its officers who should bear it to its final resting place. But these are minor things, and perhaps I ought not to allude to them. I would say nothing to dissuade you from your present course, for, as you hold your permanent residence at Sewickley, you will be able to be more useful to the cause of CHRIST than you could otherwise be, and all your family may be thus reunited in the same church.

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And now, my dear brother, though thus sundered, let us still cherish those warm attachments which have united us for so long a period, and which have been, I trust, sanctified by those scenes of trial and bereavement through which we have passed. Since that beautiful morning when I rode out with you to attend your marriage, how many acts of your kindness have Mrs. S. and I to acknowledge, and in how many precious services of devotion have we joined. May the LORD bless you and yours, and make you as useful and acceptable as you was with us, in the church which you now join. My best wishes and cordial affections, and, I may add, of Mrs. S. also, go with you, and, as ever, make our sincere regards to Mrs. D. and the members of your family.

Truly yours,

E. P. SWIFT.

P. S.—Perhaps I ought, in this note to one of the few survivors who remain of the original flock of our church, to express more *distinctly* my sincere thanks to you for your long continued and unvarying friendship to me and mine, through the course of many years. I assure you that I shall not, while I live, forget these things, and they will stand in my thoughts intimately connected with those kind parents of yours, whom it was my privilege, with you, to follow to the grave. Let us cheer our often saddened hearts with the blessed hope of a lasting re-union in a better world.

E. P. S.

For more than fourteen years Mr. DAVIS was one of the three Directors of the Allegheny County Home. It was often observed that, even in the later years of his service, his treatment of applicants, many of them wayward and vicious as well as poor, was characterized by nothing allied to curtness or harshness. Each would depart with the impression that Mr. DAVIS had a genuine sympathy for him and an honest desire to promote his comfort.

Mr. DAVIS has also been for several years one of the five Inspectors of the Western State Penitentiary of Pennsylvania, and the Treasurer of the institution.

ROBERT BRUCE MOWRY, M. D.

1864. —

Mr. R. B. MOWRY was born in Pittsburgh, December 23d, 1813, a son of PHILIP MOWRY, who was born at Fort Pitt, January, 1778.

He commenced a regular course of education under the tuition of Rev. JOSEPH STOCKTON in the winter of 1828 and 1829; he afterwards completed a collegiate course at the Western University, under the instruction of DOCTORS BRUCE and BLACK. He was initiated in medical students' life by his uncle Dr. PETER MOWRY, who supplied him with quite a library of the medical text books then in use. After various changes in preceptors he took his medical degree at Jefferson Medical College, in the spring of 1836, and immediately commenced the practice of his profession in this city.

In June, 1836, he was married to Miss ARIANA REBECCA RID-
DLE, who was at the time a member of this congregation.

Dr. MOWRY had not as yet become connected with any church; he attended, however, for some time with his wife, the ministrations in this congregation. The Reformed Presbyterian denomination having now formed an organization on this side of the river, and the Dr.'s proclivities being toward the church of his youth, he and his wife became connected with that congregation, which soon after called Rev. A. W. BLACK. About 1848 he was elected and ordained an elder. He continued in that connection until June, 1861, when he and his wife were transferred to us. In the Doctor's own words, he always had had a great love and respect for the "old man eloquent," which was one of the determining inducements to prefer this congregation. The desire of his wife to go back to the place of her spiritual birth, was not among the least of the causes which turned their feet hitherward.

On Sabbath, August 21st, 1864, Dr. MOWRY was installed an elder in this church. He was a member of the General Assembly which met, May, 1879, at Saratoga.

He is a member of the Allegheny County Medical Society, of which he has been President; a member of the Medical

Society of the State of Pennsylvania, of which he was President in 1877; a member of the American Medical Association, and an Associate Fellow of the College of Physicians, Philadelphia.

MR. WILLIAM G. JOHNSTON.

1864—1866.

WILLIAM G. JOHNSTON was born in Pittsburgh, August 22d, 1828, and the residence of his father, SAMUEL R. JOHNSTON, was on Market street, a few doors from Third avenue. His grandfather was JOHN JOHNSTON, one of the first postmasters in Pittsburgh. He was appointed by JEFFERSON in 1804. He was continued in office during the second term of JEFFERSON, throughout the entire administration of MADISON, and until the second year of the second term of MONROE, the whole period of service being eighteen years. In 1822 he was succeeded by his son-in-law, WILLIAM EICHBAUM. The original Commission signed by GIDEON GRANGER has been preserved. Having been neatly framed it is an object of interest, especially to old citizens of Pittsburgh.

WILLIAM G. JOHNSTON was joined in marriage with Miss SALLIE STEWART, August 17th, 1852. In January, 1854, he made a profession of religion in this church, and having served for a time as deacon, he was ordained an elder on Sabbath, August 21st, 1864, and continued to serve in this capacity until his removal to East Liberty, in January, 1866, required him to transfer his connection to the church in that place, where he was soon chosen an elder. For eight years he has also been superintendent of the Sabbath School in the church of East Liberty.

For two or three years Mr. JOHNSTON was superintendent of the Infant Department in the Sabbath School of this church. He was also secretary of the Sabbath School Board, and his annual reports, indicating a high degree of literary taste, were always a feature in the Anniversaries of the school.

The business of Mr. JOHNSTON has been that of general stationery.

MR. JAMES E. DAY.

1864—1871.

Mr. JAMES E. DAY was born in New Alexandria, Pa., on the 15th of January, 1807, and died on the 13th of February, 1871. On page thirty-three of the History the events of his life have been embodied.

MR. PARAN T. HAMILTON.

1864—1865.

Mr. PARAN T. HAMILTON was born February 29th, 1814, in that portion of Huntingdon county which was detached in 1845, when the new county of Blair was formed. His earlier years were spent in Hollidaysburg, where he was pursuing a rather wild and reckless course, when arrested by the SPIRIT OF GOD. A dangerous illness appears to have been the turning point in his history. He made a profession of religion under the ministry of the Rev. WILLIAM GIBSON, D. D., and after having also enjoyed, for a time, the pastoral labors of the Rev. DAVID McKINNEY, D. D., in 1845, he removed to Allegheny, and he and his sister, Miss ANNIE E. HAMILTON, were connected with this church. In June, 1849, he removed to New Castle, where the greater portion of his life was spent. He was ordained an elder in that church on Sabbath, February 25th, 1855. Having returned to Allegheny in April, 1861, he connected himself with this church a second time, and on Sabbath, August 21st, 1864, he was installed as an elder. He did not, however, exercise the office for more than a year, for in March, 1865, he moved to New Wilmington, Pennsylvania, and in a few months returned, this time connecting himself with the North Presbyterian Church, of Allegheny. This organization being then in its infancy, won upon his sympathies, which were heartily with all judicious church extension movements. He was called to the eldership in it also, but did not live to fulfill its duties for more than a year. He died on the 30th of June, 1868. His disease was cancer, of the more malignant type, which had seated itself on his lower lip. It slowly progressed, attended with all its distressing features.

An incident may be narrated as illustrating the thoroughly disciplined spirit with which this great affliction was borne. His sister said to him, on one occasion, "I think I feel grateful to God that he has not made me the subject of an affliction like that which has overtaken you." He suddenly stopped, for they were walking, and laying his hand affectionately upon her shoulder, he said, "You should not so speak. I feel that I could cheerfully bear it for a thousand years, if I could honor the Saviour thereby." All through the period of his suffering he would answer questions in regard to his condition, but he made no complaint.

Mr. HAMILTON was constitutionally impetuous and quick in all his movements. He was often rebuked for his rash and adventurous spirit, while engaged in his work. At one time he was severely injured by falling from the roof of a barn, and previous to that he barely escaped being precipitated some seventy feet from the cupola of a church in New Castle, for the building of which he had contracted.

He found great delight in the study of the Word, especially in connection with a congregational Bible Class, held for many years in the church of New Castle. He thoroughly understood the doctrines of grace, and he had few superiors in the solution of questions in religious casuistry. In private and social prayer his utterances would often assume the form of tender, affectionate pleading with a father, and the conviction that he could not be resisted would possess the mind of the listener.

HUGH CAMPBELL, M. D.

1866—1868.

Mr. HUGH CAMPBELL was born in Uniontown, May 1st, 1795. He was of Scotch-Irish descent. His father, who was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Uniontown, died at the advanced age of ninety-five years. The son early manifested an intense desire for an education, but was met by two difficulties,—limited means and scarcity of good teachers. He spent not more than one year at Jefferson College, in 1812. In 1813 he commenced

the study of medicine with Dr. DANIEL MARCHAND, with whom he formed a partnership after attending a course of lectures in the University of Pennsylvania. In 1817 he opened an office for himself, and succeeded so well that he was able to take a second course of medical lectures, and graduated in 1818. In September, 1823, he was married to Miss SUSAN BAIRD, of Washington, Pa., who died in 1824. In 1828 he was married a second time, to Miss RACHEL LYON, of Carlisle.

He was received to the full communion of the church of Uniontown, October 9th, 1825, and on September 28th, 1829, he was ordained to the office of ruling elder. For more than thirty-five years he exercised the office continuously, with uniform acceptance and eminent ability and faithfulness. He was clerk of session in that church from 1851 till 1864. In 1865 he was appointed Warden of the Western State Penitentiary of Pennsylvania, when he removed to Allegheny and connected himself with the First Presbyterian Church. Having been chosen a ruling elder, he was installed on Wednesday evening March 21st, 1866, and continued to serve in that capacity until his return to Uniontown in 1868, when he declined to be re-elected an elder. He died February 27th, 1876.

The following testimony in regard to Dr. CAMPBELL, as well as many of the foregoing statements, have been condensed from a sermon by Rev. S. S. GILSON.

Dr. CAMPBELL was frequently a commissioner to the General Assembly. He was chosen principal in 1833, 1834, 1835, and 1836, and again in 1847, 1854, and 1858. He was chosen an alternate nine times. He was a member of the famous General Assembly which met in Philadelphia in 1838, during which the disruption occurred. A man of more than ordinary ability, he made his influence felt in that body; during a discussion he arose and made a remark or two which attracted attention. Some doctor of divinity responded with severity, and wanted to know who this "young DAVID" was.

Doctor CAMPBELL arose and said: "I am a very humble elder, from a very humble church, and a very humble Presbytery, but I thank God I have the same rights on this floor as the most learned doctor of divinity, or the greatest lawyer here." He

then proceeded to review his unfortunate antagonist in a speech of wonderful keenness, by which the Assembly was electrified. By the appointment of its highest judicatory, he represented the Presbyterian Church of this country in the Scotch Assembly at Edinburgh, in 1869, spending that year in travelling in Great Britain and Ireland.

Dr. CAMPBELL was a very ready and impressive speaker. He was easy and graceful in his occasional addresses, and assured and emphatic in debate. His addresses on the subject of temperance were very eloquent. Being a man of great will power, it was not safe to come in his way where right was involved.

He was a close student of the Bible all his life. He was rarely absent from the sanctuary or the social meeting, and was a man of remarkable felicity in prayer. His faith was strong to the end, and he died triumphant in CHRIST. Among his last words were, I feel it is by the grace of God I am what I am.

MR. LEVI BURCHFIELD.

1868. ———

Mr. LEVI BURCHFIELD was born December 20th, 1809, on the bank of the Monongahela river, about four miles above Pittsburgh. He was only sixteen years old when he removed to the city to learn the trade of blacksmithing. He connected himself by profession of faith with the Second Presbyterian Church of Pittsburgh, in 1827, and was baptized by the Rev. ELISHA P. SWIFT, then pastor of that church. During the period of his connection with the Second Presbyterian Church he resided in Allegheny, most of the time in a house located where the drug store of Mr. HENRY P. SCHWARTZ now stands. When ELISHA P. SWIFT entered upon his pastoral work in the First Church, Allegheny, in 1835, Mr. BURCHFIELD transferred his connection to this church, and having continued in it until the present date, he is one of its oldest members.

Having been chosen an elder, on the 12th of April, 1868, he was ordained and installed. Though residing in Suffolk, Virgi-

nia, for the last two years, he nevertheless retains his membership in Allegheny.

Mr. BURCHFIELD obtained an enviable distinction for his uniformity and punctuality in attendance on the means of grace. He was seldom or never absent, and always in his place five or ten minutes before the commencement of the service. The surprise to all was in view of the fact that he resided three miles in the country. His remarkable constancy and the fervor of his prayers alike evinced his delight in the service of religion.

He is a brother of Mr. JAMES M. BURCHFIELD, also an elder, who, though younger, has been earlier called to the employments of the church above.

MR. JOHN C. McCOMBS.

1868. —

Mr. JOHN C. McCOMBS was born March 9th, 1838, in Ohio county, West Virginia. In January, 1854, he connected himself with the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Wheeling, then under the pastoral care of Rev. ALFRED PAUL. The same year he entered Jefferson College and was graduated in 1858. In 1862 he entered upon the study of law in Pittsburgh, and was admitted to the bar of that city in 1864, where he is engaged at this date in the practice of his profession.

In July, 1863, Mr. McCOMBS connected himself by certificate with this church. On the 15th of June, 1865, he was joined in marriage with Miss LUCY E. SWIFT. On Sabbath, April 12th, 1868, he was ordained and installed an elder. Having previously had charge for several years of the Infant Department, in 1869 he was elected superintendent of the Sabbath School, and continued in this position until 1875.

He was a member of the General Assembly which met May, 1872, in Detroit.

OLIVER LAIRD MILLER, M. D.

1868. —

OLIVER L. MILLER was born September 13th, 1839, in New-lonsburgh, Westmoreland county, Pa. After having studied

medicine for two years with his brother, W. N. MILLER, at Surgeon's Hall, Allegheny county, Pa., he entered Jefferson Medical College October 9th, 1861. Having spent several months of 1862 in the Marine Hospital, located in Allegheny, then filled with soldiers who had been wounded in the battle at Pittsburgh Landing, he entered the service of the Christian Commission under the supervision of FELIX R. BRUNOT, Esq. Remaining behind when the Federal army retreated from Savage Station, that he might minister to the sick and wounded, he was taken prisoner June 30th, 1862, and confined for three months in Libby Prison, Richmond. Having returned to his medical studies in Philadelphia, he was graduated March 10th, 1863, and having practised for more than two years at Surgeon's Hall, he returned for a third course of lectures in 1865 and 1866, after which he removed to and commenced practice in Allegheny. In May, 1866, he was appointed physician to the Pittsburgh and Allegheny Orphans' Asylum, which relation he has sustained to the present time.

On the 6th of October, 1863, being the anniversary of his release from Libby Prison, he was joined in marriage with Miss MARY J. CUNNINGHAM.

Dr. MILLER was received into full communion in the Church of Murraysville, Pa., in June, 1859, during the pastorate of Rev. WM. EDGAR. In 1866 he connected himself with this church, and on April 12th, 1868, he was ordained and installed an elder. Having been in previous years a Sabbath School teacher, in December, 1875, he was made superintendent.

He was a member of the General Assembly which met May, 1874, in St. Louis.

MR. JOHN S. SLAGLE.

1868. ———

The grandfather of Mr. J. S. SLAGLE was CHRISTIAN SLAGLE, of Baltimore, Md. He was a member of the church known as the United Brethren, and his name was the fifth on the list at the organization of the old Otterbein Church in Baltimore. He remained an active member of it until his death.

Mr. JACOB SLAGLE, the father of our elder, was born in Baltimore, Md., February 27th, 1789; but when he was only seven years old, his father having died, his mother removed to Chambersburgh, where his boyhood was spent. At the age of sixteen he removed to Washington, Pa., to learn the trade of saddle and harness making with Mr. DAVID ECKERT, who was married to his sister. He spent several years in learning his trade and working in Pittsburgh, Steubenville, Chambersburgh, and other places. In 1814 he settled in Washington, and in 1824 he joined the Presbyterian Church of that town, and about three years after he was elected an elder, in which capacity he served that church until his death, June 7th, 1872, a period of forty-five years.

The mother of our elder was born March 19th, 1793, in Chambersburgh, Pa., of Presbyterian parents, and early in life made a profession of religion, under the ministrations of Rev. DAVID DENNY, and continued an exemplary member of the church until the time of her death, May 15th, 1858.

Mr. JOHN S. SLAGLE was born January 12th, 1828, in Washington, Pa. His parents always took a great interest in the young people who were attending the College and Seminary, and the students were at all times welcome to their house. Among those who were most intimate with the family during their college days were WILLIAM C. ANDERSON and JOHN STOCKTON. They happened to make a visit about the time this son was born, and Mr. ANDERSON suggested to the mother that he be called after his friend. He was accordingly called JOHN STOCKTON SLAGLE.

Both of the above-named visitors become Presbyterian ministers, and Rev. JOHN STOCKTON, D. D., after a pastorate of fifty years, is still living at Cross Creek, Washington county, Pa.

In January, 1842, at the age of fourteen, JOHN S. SLAGLE went into the store and family of Mr. COLIN M. REED, and remained in his employ for more than three years.

In 1846 he removed to Pittsburgh, and was employed in the store of Messrs. J. & F. B. McCONNELL, and afterward in that of SHEA & PENNOCK until the spring of 1849, when he returned to Washington.

In January, 1849, he joined, on probation, the Liberty Street

Methodist Church, Pittsburgh, and in the spring of the same year he united by certificate with the Methodist Church in Washington, Pa., and remained a member until the summer of 1852.

On the 6th of May, 1853, he was joined in marriage by Rev. ELISHA P. SWIFT, D. D., to Miss MARGARET ANDERSON, daughter of HENRY and SARAH CAMPBELL. After his marriage he and his wife united by certificate with the First Presbyterian Church, Washington, where he remained until January, 1856, when he joined this Church, having removed to Allegheny in the summer of the previous year. Since then he has been efficiently engaged in promoting the interests of this Church, as trustee, Sabbath School teacher, and elder. Having been in the Sabbath School continually since 1856, in 1869 he was elected superintendent of its Infant Department.

On Sabbath, April 12th, 1868, he was ordained and installed an elder, in the fulfillment of which office he is engaged at this time.

He was a member of the General Assembly which met May, 1878, in Pittsburgh.

From October, 1855, till 1862, Mr. SLAGLE was book-keeper for the firm of G. & J. H. SHOENBERGER, iron manufacturers. During the years from 1863 to 1867 he was a member of the firm of SHOENBERGER & Co., successors to G. & J. H. SHOENBERGER.

From 1869 to 1872 he was in the firm of COLEMAN, RAHM & Co., iron manufacturers.

In 1872 they sold their works to the railroad company, and he became a member of the firm of NIMICK & Co., iron commission merchants.

MR. JAMES RYND.

1869—1872.

Mr. JAMES RYND was born in Venango county, Pa., February 18th, 1806, and in April, 1837, he removed to Pittsburgh. In the spring of 1840 he located himself in Allegheny and was engaged in the lumber business. In July, 1842, he first con-

nected himself with this Church. He has been called several times since that date to remove from and return to the city. In 1867 and 1868 he was residing near Perrysville, in the bounds of the Church of Hilands, where he was made a ruling elder. Having returned to this Church in June, 1869, in view of his having served in this capacity in the Hilands Church, as well as in view of his qualifications for the office, he was chosen an elder at a special election, and installed on Wednesday evening, September 8th, 1869. He continued in this office till June, 1872, when he was dismissed to the church of Tarentum.

MR. JAMES HOAG, JR.

1874. ———

Mr. JAMES HOAG, JR., was born in Allegheny, September 14th, 1843. His mother was a member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church, Pittsburgh; and under the ministry of Rev. WILLIAM PRESTON, D. D., when fifteen years of age he became a communicating member of that church. In 1866 he connected himself by certificate with this Church. In 1868 he bought the book store in which he had previously been engaged and commenced trade, where he is at present located. On the 6th day of June, 1866, he was joined in marriage with Miss MARY E. BOYD. He was ordained and installed an elder on Sabbath, May 17th, 1874. During the period of his connection with this Church he has been actively engaged in the Sabbath School work.

MR. SAMUEL P. HARBISON.

1874—1876.

Mr. SAMUEL P. HARBISON was born September 26th, 1840, in Bakerstown, Allegheny county, Pa. In the summer of 1861, under the ministry of Rev. CYRUS G. BRADDOCK, he was received on profession of faith to the Church of Bethany, near Herriottsville. He was engaged in teaching from 1856 till 1864, having been thus occupied in Pine, South Fayette, and McClure townships successively, and finally in Minersville.

In 1861 he removed to Allegheny, and in the next year connected himself with this Church, and was actively engaged at various times as Sabbath School teacher, deacon, and trustee in promoting its interests. On February 1st, 1872, he was joined in marriage with Miss EMMA J. BOYD. On Sabbath, May 17th, 1874, he was ordained and installed an elder, and continued in this service until September, 1876, when, having made his home at Verner Station, he connected himself with the Valley Church, under the pastoral care of Rev. W. C. BURCHARD. Here he was soon elected an elder; he was also made superintendent of the Sabbath School. In this wide field of usefulness he is at this date diligently employed.

Since May 1st, 1866, he has been in the firm of HARBISON & WALKER, Star Fire-Brick Works, Pittsburgh.

MR. MATTHEW KENNEDY

1874—1876.

Mr. KENNEDY was a native of Trumbull county, Ohio, and was born January 1st, 1836. He came to Allegheny in the spring of 1860, and in 1865 he connected himself with the Second United Presbyterian Church, then under the pastoral care of Rev. J. B. CLARK, D. D. In December, 1866, he was joined in marriage with Miss MARY J. CAMERON. He was ordained and installed an elder in the Second U. P. Church, August 1st, 1869, and in March, 1873, he connected himself with the First Presbyterian Church, Allegheny. He was installed an elder on Sabbath, May 17th, 1874, and continued to fulfill the duties of the office until 1876, when he removed to Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he now resides.

MR. JAMES MILLER.

1874. ———

Mr. JAMES MILLER was born January 10th, 1819, about two miles from Sharpsburg, Pa. He was received into full communion with the church of Sharpsburg, under the ministry of

Rev. JAMES CAMPBELL, in the autumn of 1839. In 1841 he removed to Allegheny and continued in his business, which was that of brick-laying, for about eight years; after which he addressed himself to other pursuits. On the 16th of April, 1844, he was joined in marriage with Miss MARY JANE CHAMBERLAIN, who resided within the bounds of the Lower Ten Mile Church in Washington county, Pa., then under the pastoral care of Rev. CEPHAS DODD. In the month of October in the same year he connected himself by certificate with this Church, and on Sabbath, May 17th, 1874, he was ordained and installed an elder. He has also served for a number of years as a member of the board of trustees.

He was a member of the General Assembly which met May, 1877, in Chicago.

Of the thirty-two elders who have been installed since 1830, the eight following now constitute the session: Messrs. BURCHFIELD, HOAG, J. MILLER, O. L. MILLER, MOWRY, McCOMBS, PARK, and SLAGLE.

The four following have died while in the exercise of their office in this Church: Messrs. SEMPLE, ALEX. CAMERON, DAY, and JAMES M. BURCHFEILD.

The eight following have died in other churches: Messrs. HANNEN, JOHN CAMERON, MACLEAN, GRIER, COOPER, BARD, HAMILTON, and CAMPBELL.

The twelve following are still living, and with two or three exceptions are in the exercise of their functions in other churches. Messrs. McKAIN, TURNER, GRUBBS, NEVIN, SCHOONMAKER, CARNAGHAN, JOHNSTON, HARBISON, ROBERT DAVIS, ROBERT H. DAVIS, RYND, and KENNEDY.

Several remarks are suggested by these biographical statements.

1st. We should have unshaken confidence in the Head of the Church. CHRIST is seated far above all principality and power and might and dominion. The Church is very dear to him. Zion is graven on the palms of his hands. When suitable material cannot be found for her ministry or eldership, instead of bewailing the sad significance of the times, let us remember his gracious power. The kind of persons required in the church

he can bring there by converting grace, and make their wealth, talent, influence, and learning subservient to his glory. However trying their mission may be, he can reconcile them to it by whispering, "I have made thee a chosen vessel."

How well has CHRIST provided for the eldership in this Church during these fifty years. Let us have confidence in his wisdom and grace.

2d. We should magnify the office of ruling elder. We would not speak as though they constituted the whole church; or by any exaggerating statements disparage the body of believers. Elders are but leaders, and as the officers of an army can do nothing without the fighting men, so elders can do nothing without the support of the membership. And yet they have their personal and official influence. How salutary and healthful that of such men as HANNEN, GRIER, CAMERON, BURCHFIELD, DAY, and their associates, upon the people of the great community, as well as upon those of whom they were the official representatives.

It is but little we do when we bring our grateful tribute to their memories. And surely as the result of these reminiscences we should experience new and elevating impulses in our Christian life.

3d. The religious training demanded by these times must be in the distinctive features of our Church.

For official positions made vacant must be filled with worthy and competent men. This is not said to the young, as though we would appeal to their ambition. For few things are so sad as an imperfectly concealed yearning after official place in the church. But it is said to the older, to show the nature of the training demanded and to impart a new stimulus to our work.

Our young people should be instructed, of course, in the doctrines of the Confession and Catechism. But should they not, somehow, be better acquainted also with our form of government and the scriptural warrant for it! Then we would not find them, as now we sometimes do, in other denominations, with the explanation that some trifling circumstance had turned them thitherward; that convenient proximity or startling sensations or social surroundings had drawn. But we *would* find the

children of the church within their own church, the church of their fathers; and their strong attachment to it based on a clear conviction of its apostolical character.